

**Testimony Regarding Support for HB 5283 & SB 229 and
School Construction Funds for Public Charter Schools
March 4, 2022**

Co-Chairs Senator McCrory and Representative Sanchez and other distinguished members of the Education Committee,

Hello my name is Rohan Kelly, from Bridge Academy (my school) is in a low-income community and doesn't make a lot of money. In my opinion, I don't think Charter schools need a Rainy day fund, because (even though it isn't guaranteed) I don't think schools are going to get hit with anything serious, like a hurricane, Shooting, or as of right now, in the wake of war. I think Charter schools should get the 713 million upfront, because they need the money to fix up walls, Smart Boards, roofs, better quality school lunches and staffing, security, and better equipment (whether that's for sports or just for learning). I have 2 questions to ask. 1. Why are charter schools not getting funds upfront? 2. Why not just split the money, half for Rainy day, half for Upfront funds? This would really help us have a great time learning and would also make us get a lot of resources to make things easier for students, teachers, and the community. Thank you for having me.

Best regards,

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